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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS MU, IR US  
SUBJ: REPAIR OF OMAN'S TOW COMPONENTS IN IRAN

REF: STATE 104013

1. POL-MIL COUNSELOR INFORMED GENERAL TOUFANIAN MAY 8 (PER PARA 3 REFTEL) OF USG WILLINGNESS TO CONSENT TO TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF OMAN'S TOW COMPONENTS TO IRAN FOR REPAIR. 1977 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3KD) OF ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT DISPENSING WITH CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT PROVIDED ORIGINAL MILITARY CAPABILITIES NOT EXCEEDED WAS EXPLAINED TO TOUFANIAN. POL-MIL COUNS THEN ASKED IF IRAN AND OMAN HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON SUBJECT AND, IF SO, REQUESTED TO BE INFORMED OF DETAILS.

2. TOUFANIAN SAID HE WAS AWARE OF EARLIER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND OMAN, BUT DID NOT KNOW THEIR CURRENT STATUS. HE CALLED IN DMOWA, LTG MASSUMI, AND ASKED FOR A STATUS REPORT. MASSUMI SAID THAT A TEAM FROM OMAN WAS TO HAVE COME TO IRAN FOR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF OR TWO MONTHS AGO WITH OFFICIALS OF  
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IRAN ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY (IEI), BUT HE DID NOT BELIEVE AGREEMENT HAD YET BEEN REACHED.

3. TOUFANIAN THEN CALLED VADM ARDALAN, HEAD OF IEI, AND ASKED FOR A PRECISE REPORT. AFTER NODDING SEVERAL TIMES TOUFANIAN BEGAN TO LAUGH, THANKED ARDALAN FOR HIS REPORT, AND CONTINUING TO CHUCKLE HUNG UP. TOUGANIAN

INFORMED POL-MIL COUNS THAT A TEAM FROM THE OMANI ARMED FORCES HAD ARRIVED IN SHIRAZ DURING THE NOW RUZ HOLIDAY, HAD SEEN AND DONE EVERYTHING IN THE SHIRAZ AREA OVER SOME FOUR OR SO DAYS, INCLUDING CONVEYING FIRM ASSURANCES TO IEI ABOUT GETTING ON WITH SUBJECT, AND HAD RETURNED TO OMAN. TOUFANIAN SAID ARDALAN HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE OMANI ARMED FORCES TEAM WERE ACTUALLY BRITISH OFFICERS ON SECONDMENT. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY HAD ENJOYED SHIRAZ, BUT WITH RESPECT TO SUBJECT THE PERIOD SINCE THEIR RETURN TO OMAN HAD PRODUCED ONLY SILENCE. AS TOUFANIAN THANKED POL-MIL COUNS FOR THE INFORMATION HE WAS STILL CHICKLING ABOUT THE VISIT OF THE OMANI TEAM.  
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